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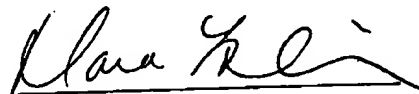
Prior to receipt of the office action it was unclear whether the amendments of 2 January 2003 had been entered. The RCE amendment attempted to amend Claim 1 and 10 and to clarify a problem with cancelled claim 12. While Claim 12 was requested to be cancelled in the amendment of 2 January 2003, the amendment also amended Claim 12. The amendment was meant to be to Claim 11. Therefore, as it is unclear what the status of the each amendments to the claims are Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 2, 4 to 11, and 11 to 18, and replace them with claims 19 to 34.

Claim 19 and 28 are amended to recite methylcellulose as the water soluble fiber and incorporate original claims 4 and 13 as wheat bran being the insoluble fiber. Claims 21 and 30 have added "capsule" to the dosage forms, support which can be found on page 7, line 10. Claims 22 and 31 include the term "pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and diluents", support for which can be found on page 6, lines 33 to 36. Claims 24 and 33 add a list of solid carriers which finds support on page 7, lines 4 and 5. Claims 26, 27, 35 and 36 have been better defined to indicate that it is the dose of methylcellulose which is being administered in a total daily dose. No new matter is believed added.

It is believed that these amendments should remove the Examiners rejection to the claims under 35 USC §112, first paragraph.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number below. If any additional fees or charges are required by this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit account 19-2570 accordingly.

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